

crusade

1. [kru:'seɪd] *n*

- 1. *уст.* крестовый поход
- 2. кампания в защиту (чего-л.) или поход против (чего-л.)
peace crusade - поход в защиту мира
a crusade against crime [for women's rights] - кампания борьбы с преступностью [за равноправие женщин]

2. [kru:'seɪd] *v*

- 1. *уст.* участвовать в крестовом походе
- 2. вести кампанию, бороться (за что-л. или против чего-л.)
to crusade for women's rights [against discrimination] - бороться за равноправие женщин [против дискриминации]

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cru·sade [crusade crusades crusaded crusading] *noun, verb* BrE [kruːseɪd]

NAme [kruːseɪd]

noun

1. ~ (for/against sth) | ~ (to do sth) a long and determined effort to achieve sth that you believe to be right or to stop sth that you believe to be wrong

Syn: †campaign

- to lead a crusade against crime
- a moral crusade
- a crusade to give terminally ill people the right to die

2. (sometimes **Crusade**) any of the wars fought in Palestine by European Christian countries against the Muslims in the Middle Ages

Word Origin:

late 16th cent. (originally as croisade): from French **croisade**, an alteration (influenced by Spanish **cruzado**) of earlier **croisée**, literally 'the state of being marked with the cross', based on Latin **crux**, **cruc-** 'cross'; in the 17th cent. the form **crusado**, from Spanish **cruzado**, was introduced. The blending of these two forms led to the current spelling, first recorded in the early 18th cent.

Culture:

The Crusades were a series of military **expeditions** between the 11th and 14th centuries, in which armies from the Christian countries of Europe tried to get back the Holy Land (= the area that is now Israel, Palestine, Jordan and Egypt) from the Muslims. The soldiers who took part in the Crusades were called **Crusaders**. The best-known British Crusader was King †Richard I. The Crusades achieved very little, but as a result of them new ideas were exchanged, trade was improved, and new goods such as sugar and cotton came to Europe for the first time.

Example Bank:

- For 23 years he led a crusade for peace.
- He is on a crusade to take the church to the people.
- She seems to be carrying out a personal crusade to stop this building work.
- The book urges parents to join a crusade against crime.
- The charity tonight launched its great crusade against homelessness.
- He led a crusade to give terminally ill people the right to die.
- Her moral crusade began in 1963.
- We must continue the crusade against crime.

verb intransitive

to make a long and determined effort to achieve sth that you believe to be right or to stop sth you believe to be wrong

Syn: †campaign

Verb forms:

| verb forms | |
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| present simple | |
| I / you / we / they | crusade |
| | BrE /kru:'seɪd/ |
| | NAme /kru:'seɪd/ |
| he / she / it | crusades |
| | BrE /kru:'seɪdz/ |
| | NAme /kru:'seɪdz/ |
| past simple, past participle | crusaded |
| | BrE /kru:'seɪdɪd/ |
| | NAme /kru:'seɪdɪd/ |
| -ing form | crusading |
| | BrE /kru:'seɪdɪŋ/ |
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crusadeI. **crusade**¹ /kruːsəd/ *BrE* *AmE* *noun* [countable][Date: 1400-1500; Language: Old French; Origin: croisade and Spanish cruzada, both from Latin crux; ⇒ ↑cross²]1. a determined attempt to change something because you think you are morally right ⇒ **campaign****crusade against/for**

He seems to be running a one-man crusade against cigarette smoking.

2. (also **Crusade**) one of a series of wars fought in the 11th, 12th, and 13th centuries by Christian armies trying to take Palestine from the Muslims

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THESAURUS■ **when people try to achieve something**

- **fight** the process in which people try to stop something bad from happening or to improve a situation: Schools have an important part to play in the fight against drugs. | women's fight for equality
- **battle** a fight to change a situation or deal with a problem in society: The battle against racial discrimination is not over.
- **campaign** a planned series of actions intended to achieve something: Motoring organizations started a campaign for safer roads.
- **struggle** a long, hard fight for freedom, independence, equal rights etc: Nkrumah led the people in their struggle for independence.
- **crusade** someone's fight against something they think is morally wrong: She intends to continue her crusade against sex and violence on TV.

II. **crusade**² *BrE* *AmE* *verb* [intransitive]to take part in a crusade **SYN campaign****crusade against/for**

He continued to crusade for free education for all.

—**crusader** *noun* [countable]**crusade**

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